

Eastern Arizona Type II Incident Management Team

North Taylor Fire May 25, 2006 10:00 a.m.

Acres: 117 Containment: 95% Cause: Lightning Personnel: 224 Fire Crews: 5 {3 Type 1, 2 Type 2} Helicopters: 2 Cost: \$843,891

Transfer of Command

The North Taylor fire, located 19 miles southwest of Safford in the Pinaleño Mountains of the Coronado National Forest, is now 95% contained.

A Type III Incident Management Team will assume management of the North Taylor Fire beginning at 4 p.m. today.

Favorable weather conditions on Wednesday continued to help firefighters make significant progress on mopping up containment lines. Helicopter support included back hauling of equipment and trash from two sides of the fire.

Today firefighters will complete fireline clean up and return to the base camp in Safford this afternoon. The remaining Hotshot crews will be released today by 6 p.m.

Members of the public traveling Swift Trail (Highway 366) should continue to exercise caution and maintain an appropriate speed in anticipation of fire traffic.

This will be the last news update from this Incident Management Team. Further information on the North Taylor Fire may be obtained by calling the Safford Ranger District office at (928) 428-4150

For more information on fire restrictions throughout the southwest, please visit http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc